Muslims in the Agricultural Department.

55. * **Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of Muslims drawing Rs. 20 and above per mensem in the Agricultural Department; and

(*b*) the total number of Muslims in that department in any grade of service?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) Three.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know the pay of these three people?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Rs. 9 to 11.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know when they were entertained?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: One in 1082 M. E.; one in 1103 and the third in 1106.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know whether they are permanent hands?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Two are permanent and one is temporary.

Adoption of labour-saving devices for cultivation.

56. *Mr. M. K. **Ananthasiva Aiyar** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations concerning the difficulties of the agriculturists in the matter of securing labour and suggesting the desirability of labour-saving devices being adopted; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

*Mr. K. R. **Narayana Aiyar**: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rules regarding the grant of loans to agriculturists for the purchase of agricultural implements and labour saving machinery, etc, are under the consideration of Government.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether the Director of Agriculture has entered into correspondence with any firm in regard to the getting down of labour-saving devices?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Yes, Sir.

Qualifications of the Director of Industries.

57. *Mr. **Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the present Director of Industries has got any special qualification in painting, carpentry, smithery or textiles?

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